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II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The text of all claims under examination is submitted, and the status of each is identified.
This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-32 (Cancelled).

33. (Currently Amended) A lure comprising:

a lure body;

a hook at least partially embedded in said lure body, said hook comprising:

a hook shank;

a bend portion having a first end and a second end provided in one end of said hook shank;

a hook tip terminating said first end of said bend portion;

a hook eye provided on an opposite end of said hook shank from said bend;

~~a weight comprising a lower weight taper tapered to said hook shank and a top weight taper which terminates closer to said hook eye than to said hook tip;~~

a shank offset bend provided on said hook shank above between said second end of said bend portion top weight taper and below said hook eye;

a shank offset extending from said shank offset bend toward said hook eye;

a shank neck bend extending from said shank offset toward said hook eye; and

a shank neck terminated by said hook eye;

a substantially straight shank portion extending between said shank offset bend and said second end of said bend portion; and

a weight concentrically disposed about said substantially straight shank portion, said weight having a middle portion, a first end and a second end, wherein said weight symmetrically tapers from said middle portion to said first and second ends thereof, respectively;

wherein said hook eye, said shank neck, and said shank neck bend are at least partially embedded in said lure body.

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34-41. (Cancelled)

42. (Previously Presented) The lure of claim 33 wherein said hook further comprises:
a reverse bend provided in said bend, wherein said hook tip terminates said reverse bend.

43-44. (Cancelled)

45. (Original) The lure of claim 42 wherein said reverse bend is at least partially embedded
in said lure body.

46. (Original) The lure of claim 42 wherein said reverse bend extends alongside said lure
body.

47. (Original) The lure of claim 42 wherein said hook further comprises a barb provided in
said reverse bend.

48-49. (Cancelled)

50. (Original) The lure of claim 47 wherein said barb is spaced from said hook tip.

51. (Original) The lure of claim 47 wherein said barb is at least partially embedded in said
lure body.

52. (Original) The lure of claim 47 wherein said barb extends alongside said lure body.

53-68. (Cancelled)

69. (Previously Presented) The lure of claim 33 wherein said shank offset, said shank offset
bend, and said weight are not embedded in said lure body.

70. (Previously Presented) The lure of claim 33 further comprising a fishing line tied to said
hook eye.

71. (Original) The lure of claim 33 wherein said weight is not embedded in said lure body.